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In re Patent application of:

Applicant(s): Lingunis et al.

Serial No: 10/716,209

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Title: **TIGHTLY SPACED GATE FORMATION THROUGH DAMASCENE  
PROCESS**

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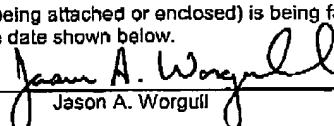
## Amendments to the Claims

## Remarks

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